

1     Abstract of the Disclosure.

3         An animal trap comprises a trap body with a sliding trap door  
5     at one end. A bait holder is pivotably mounted on the top of the  
7     trap body, the top including an opening through which the bait  
9     holder is inserted into the trap body. The bait holder is  
11    connected to a trip mechanism, which includes a rod having a ball  
      mounted thereon. The ball is positioned towards the front end of  
      the trap, the ball being a support mechanism that balances the trap  
      door in an open position. When an animal enters the trap and takes  
      the bait, the bait holder is pivoted, moving the trip mechanism to  
      upset the balance of the trap door on the rod, thereby closing the  
      trap and retaining the animal therein.